(d) A separate Cell for Women is functioning in the Ministry of Labour to pay special attention to their problems. The Cell is responsible for the formulation of policies that seek to remove the handicaps under which they work, to strengthen their bargaining position, to improve their wages and working conditions, to enhance their skills and open up better employment opportunities for them.

Protection of workers interest

6812. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Government will protect workers interests" in the Hindustan Times dated 2-5-95;

(b) If so, the details thereof: and

(c) what steps have been taken so far to raise the economic standard of workers as well as their families like Japan and what budgetary provisions have been made in the Budget of 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is committed to protecting the interests of workers. For this purpose a number of labour laws have been enacted. Suitable amendments in these Acts are carried out as and when considered necessary to protect the interests of workers

(c) In order to raise the economic standard of workers and their families, the Central Government by notification dated 12-7-94 revised the minimum rates of wages for 39 scheduled employments relating to Mining, Construction and Railway Sectors under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The minimum wages for scheduled employments in agriculture were revised earlier on 12-8-92.

In the State sphere, minimum wages under the minimum wages Act have been fixed/revised in 1139 employments.

Besides, the workers were granted Rs. 600 crores by way to Interim Relief, Rs. 385 crores by revision of Industrial D.A., Rs. 250 crores by removing ceiling on gratuity and increasing its rate. The Textile workers benefitted by the raising of Provident Fund Contribution of management from 8.33 to 10 per cent.

A number of Plan and Non-Plan Schemes which aim at the economic betterment of workers form part of the budgetary provisions of the Ministry of Labour. However, separate figures for schemes exclusively pertaining to raising economic standards of workers are not maintained.

Rehabilitation of bonded children freed from Gajapati District in Orissa

6813. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seven bonded children from Gajapati district of Orissa who were released following the intervention of the National Human Rights Commission have been rehabilitated; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have reported that the seven Oriya children of Gajapati District released from bondage in Delhi have since been rehabilitated.

Accidents in Industrial establishments and mines

6814. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents in industrial establishments and mines during last three years, state-wise;

(b) the number of casualties in these accidents;

(c) broad nature and causes of such accidents;

(d) compensation paid to victims by Government; and

(e) steps taken to prevent such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मध्य प्रदेश में बीड़ी मजदूर

6815. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के दमोह और सागर जिलों में कितने बीड़ी मजदूर हैं ;

(ख) इन जिलों में श्रम मंत्रालय द्वारा बीड़ी मजदूरों के कल्याण हेतु कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं चलाई जा रही हैं ;

(ग) इन दोनों जिलों में शासकीय अनुदान से बीड़ी मजदूरों के आवास हेतु कितने आवास निर्मित किए गए हैं ;

(घ) बीड़ी मजदूरों के स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण हेतु इस समय कितने स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र अस्पताल कहां कहां कार्यरत हैं ; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा देश में बीड़ी मजदूरों के कल्याण हेतु सामान्यतः कौन कौन सी योजनाएं क्रियान्वित की जा रही हैं ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, मध्य प्रदेश के सागर और दमोह जिलों में बीड़ी कर्मकारों की अनुमानित संख्या क्रमश : 2.74 लाख और 1.15 लाख है ।

(ख) और (ङ) मध्य प्रदेश के सागर और दमोह जिलों सहित, सभी राज्यों में बीड़ी कर्मकारों के लिए कल्याण-कारी योजनाओं की एक सूची संलग्न विवरण-I पर है । **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ग) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, राज्य सरकार द्वारा बीड़ी कर्मकार कल्याण निधि से प्राप्त वित्तीय सहायता से बीड़ी कर्मकारों के आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गों के लिए आवास योजना के अंतर्गत निर्मित मकानों की संख्या सागर में 152 और दमोह में 300 है ।

(घ) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में, इन जिलों सहित, बीड़ी कर्मकारों के लिए कार्यरत औषधालयों की एक सूची संलग्न विवरण-II पर दी गयी है । **(नीचे देखिए)**

विवरण–I

क्रं० सं०	योजना का नाम
	स्वास्थ्य :
1.	बीड़ी श्रमिकों के लिए स्थिर व सचल/स्थिर एलोपैथिक और स्थिर आयुर्वेदिक औषधालय ।
2.	बीड़ी श्रमिकों के लिए टी०बी० अस्पतालों में बिस्तरों को आरक्षित करने संबंधी योजना ।